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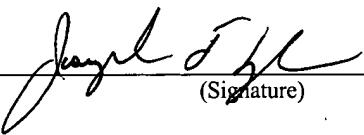
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ELECTION OF SPECIES

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2003, in which an election of species requirement for restriction has been applied. A one month period was set to respond to the Official Action.

In the election requirement, various elements of the invention were required to be elected. The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Fubara for the courtesies extended during

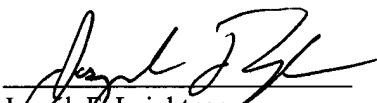
the telephone call of July 8, 2003 in which the election requirement was discussed. The requirement and the elected material follow:

the gel body matrix - is a polysaccharide material, in a preferred embodiment gellan gum; and
antimicrobial agent - methylchloroisothiazolinone and methylisothiazolinone [commercially available as KATHON CG].

The Examiner has also required a selection of the generic claims based upon the election. The application as filed was filed with 19 claims. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-12 and 15-19 are generic to the elected species.

Early and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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